

**PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF SOUTH CAROLINA
COMMISSION DIRECTIVE**

ADMINISTRATIVE MATTER



DATE January 27, 2010

MOTOR CARRIER MATTER



DOCKET NO. 2008-447-EG

UTILITIES MATTER



ORDER NO.

SUBJECT:

DOCKET NO. 2008-447-EG - Petition of the Office of Regulatory Staff to Establish Docket to Consider Implementing the Requirements of Section 1307 (State Consideration of Smart Grid) and Section 532 (Energy Efficiency Programs) of the Energy Independence and Security Act of 2007 – Discuss this Matter with the Commission.

COMMISSION ACTION:

By a Petition of the Office of Regulatory Staff in this Docket, the Commission has considered implementing certain standards as required by the Energy Independence and Security Act of 2007. The purpose of these standards is to encourage energy efficiency and smart grid investments while maintaining equitable rates to electric and natural gas consumers. The Act seeks to accomplish these goals through a series of policy proposals and suggested rate design modifications.

We held a hearing on September 22, 2009 on these considerations. Based on the evidence presented, it is my opinion that the policies proposed for consideration by the Act have already been implemented or are currently before us. While the details can be addressed more thoroughly in an order, briefly, South Carolina Statute Section 58-37-20 provided the framework allowing the Commission to move forward on energy efficiency proposals prior to these considerations. For example, South Carolina regulated electric utilities already undergo an integrated resource planning process that includes energy efficiency measures, and specific energy efficiency program dockets based on applications made by regulated electric utilities have either been approved or are under consideration. In addition, I find that the Commission's existing rate making authority provides the necessary legal basis for the recovery of smart grid investments.

In sum, rather than mandating a one-size-fits-all approach for South Carolina's various utilities, Section 58-37-20 provides us with the flexibility to adopt any of the policy options outlined in Energy Independence and Security Act on a utility-by-utility basis. Therefore, I move that it is unnecessary for us to adopt the proposed federal standards at this time.

PRESIDING: Fleming

SESSION: Regular

TIME: 2:30 p.m.

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HAMILTON	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
HOWARD	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
MITCHELL	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
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